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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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1. BECAUSE OF THE PROLONGED LACK OF INS RESPONSIVENESS,
THE DIRECTOR OF THE VISA OFFICE PHONED INS/CO FEB 14
ABOUT THE PROBLEM DESCRIBED IN MOSCOW 18474 AND THE
GALSTIAN FAMILY. WE ARE CONTINUING TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS
MATTER AND WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS.
 2. ON THE KARPOV DEPARTURE, IF ASKED WE WILL CONFIRM
THAT HE LEFT ON FEBRUARY 6 AND "NO COMMENT" ANY QUESTION
AS TO WHETHER WE ASKED THE SOVIETS TO WITHDRAW HIM. THE
QUESTION HASN'T COME UP, HOWEVER, AND WE HOPE IT DOESN'T.
IF YOU GET A QUESTION, REFER IT TO THE DEPARTMENT.
 3. YOUR SERIES ON SOVIET POLICY UNDER THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION HAS ALREADY ATTRACTED A BROAD READERSHIP
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- AND A NUMBER OF COMPLIMENTS. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING A
SUMMARY FOR SEVENTH FLOOR READERS BUT WANTED TO KNOW
WHAT THE NATURE OF PART IV IS TO BE - AND WHEN IT IS
PROJECTED TO COME OUT.
4. REPRESENTATIVES OF PM, OES, ACDA, AND EUR/SOV MET ON
FEBRUARY 14 TO DISCUSS EUR/SOV IDEA OF AMENDING US-SOVIET

ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT TO ENCOMPASS RESEARCH ON NEW NUCLEAR ENERGY CYCLES NOT REQUIRING SEPARATION OF PLUTONIUM. THIS IDEA, IF EVENTUALLY IMPLEMENTED, WOULD BE FIRST INSTANCE OF BILATERAL US-SOVIET COOPERATION IN NON-PROLIFERATION FIELD. OUR IDEA IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO ERDA (AND THROUGH THEM TO DOD) FOR SECURITY AND FEASIBILITY REVIEW.

5. VORONTSOV ON FEBRUARY 10 GAVE HARTMAN NON-PAPER PROPOSING THAT US AGAIN SEND EXPERT TO GENEVA CCD DISCUSSION OF SOVIET MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPON (MDW) PROPOSAL. NON-PAPER STATES THAT CCD TALKS ON MDW SHOULD NOW MOVE FROM GENERAL DISCUSSION TO WORKING OUT OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF MDW AGREEMENT. WORKING LEVEL IN EUR, PM, AND ACDA HAVE STRONG RESERVATION ABOUT CONTINUING DISCUSSION IN MANNER PROPOSED BY SOVIETS, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO FOCUS ON SPECIFICALLY DEFINED WEAPONS CATEGORIES. HOWEVER, WE SENSE THAT WE WILL FAVOR CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS AT CCD (WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD), BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY ON MDW.

6. SOME TIME AGO DOD SENT ALUSNA PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AUGUST COLLISION IN THE MED BETWEEN THE VOGEL AND A SOVIET SUB. DOD AT THE TIME PLANNED TO MAKE THE PHOTOS PUBLIC HERE. THIS PLAN WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SQUASHED SO AS NOT TO GIVE THE SOVIETS ANY SIGNALS NOT INTENDED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. THAT, FYI, REMAINS THE STATUS OF THE AFFAIR.

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7. RE PARA 5 MOSCOW 1978, NASHPITZ AND TSITLENOK WERE TWO JEWISH ACTIVISTS WHO TRIED TO DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF LENIN LIBRARY ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. THEY WERE ARRESTED, CONVICTED AND SENT OFF FOR FIVE YEARS INTERNAL EXILE. THERE WAS A MAJOR CAMPAIGN IN THEIR BEHALF HERE AT THE TIME. WE BELIEVE NASHPITZ IS SERVING OUT HIS TIME IN CHITA. YOU SHOULD HAVE REPORTS IN YOUR FILES ON THESE CASES, SINCE THERE WAS REPORTING FROM EMBASSY AT THE TIME.

8. WE HAD A CALL FROM THE PARENTS OF NADINE MITSKEVICH, A TWENTY-TWO YEAR OLD GIRL STUDYING AT MGU ON A SOVIET GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP. SHE HAS TOLD HER PARENTS THAT SHE PLANS TO MARRY A SOVIET, BUT HAS NOT GONE INTO DETAILS. HER PARENTS APPARENTLY WANT TO TRY TO STOP THE MARRIAGE, BUT WE HAVE SAID THAT WE COULD NOT HELP OUT IN THIS REGARD SINCE THE GIRL IS AN ADULT. ARE YOU AWARE OF THE CASE AND CAN YOU PROVIDE

ANY DETAILS FOR OUR INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND?

9. ON THE INVITATION FOR A VISIT BY SOVIET "GOVERNORS", WE DEFINITELY COULD NOT ACCEPT A BALTIC REPUBLIC OFFICIAL IN THE DELEGATION. THE US NATIONAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE STAFF UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION. WE DO NOT FAVOR SIGNALLING THE SOVIETS IN ADVANCE, REASONING THAT THE SOVIETS ARE FULLY AWARE OF OUR POLICY (LAST YEAR'S GO-ROUND ON INVITATIONS TO REPUBLIC MINISTERS OF CULTURE KEPT IT IN EVIDENCE). AN ADVANCE SIGNAL WOULD NOT ADD MUCH TO SOVIET INFORMATION AND MIGHT INVITE MORE SERIOUS SOVIET CONSIDERATION OF A PROVOCATIVE RESPONSE. IF AND WHEN THE PROBLEM DOES ARISE, I WOULD FORESEE OUR RESPONDING ALONG LINES THAT WE HAVE SELECTED OUR DELEGATIONS IN A FASHION TO ASSURE SUCCESSFUL CONTINUATION OF THE EXCHANGE (E.G. NO PUERTO RICAN OR COMMITTED ANTI-SOVIETS) AND EXPECT CONFIDENTIAL

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